



SUSTAINABILITY

Morgan Library Sustainability Committee Newsletter

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We can't have an October Newsletter without talking about Halloween! Below are a few resources on how to have a sustainable Halloween. The big thing—purchase less! Make decorations and costumes, ideally ones you can reuse. Buy less candy, just enough for what you are going to need. If you buy a pumpkin, but a local one! Fort Collins has a lot of local farmers growing pumpkins just for you.

Here is that list of resources:

- [Choose Fair-Trade Chocolate](#)
- [10 tips from Arizona State University](#)
- [22 tips from Sustainable Baby Steps](#)
- [DIY kid costumes from Makezine](#)
- [10 tips from the Wilderness Society](#)
- [List of DIY costume sites/examples](#)



Sustainable decorations from [Inhabitat](#) on Flickr CC BY-NC-SA

Did You Know?

Fort Collins has a year-round leaf exchange!

Leaves are starting to turn and fall. Don't just bag them up and send them to the landfill. The Environmental Services Department sponsors a Leaf Exchange where you can donate your leaves to be used as compost & plant insulation. Check out the [FC Leaf Exchange site](#) for more information.

You can also compost your own leaves!



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Water Bottle FILLING Stations

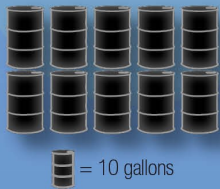
The water bottle filling stations in the library have reduced the use of over **236,000** single-use plastic bottles in a single year!

did you know?

It takes **42oz** of water to produce a **16oz** single use plastic bottle



To make **236,000** plastic bottles, it would take **100** gallons of oil



Only **25%** of single-use plastic bottles are currently recycled nation-wide



Staying hydrated is important for your overall **health**, and using the water bottle filling stations at the Morgan Library helps reduce waste from plastic bottles, which is important for the **planet**.

Drink more water!



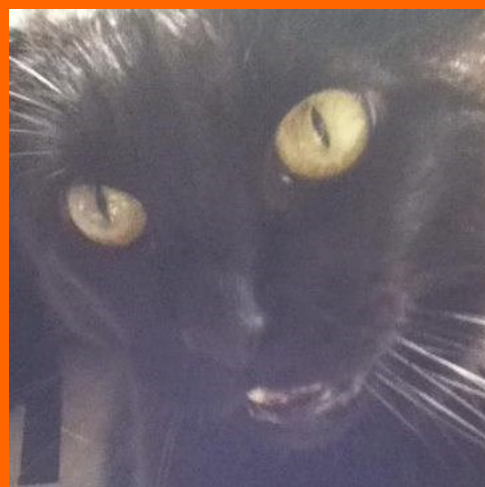
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Thanks to Tyler Benke for creating this infographic with data provided by Stacey Baumgarn!

Your Sustainability

We have had a few individuals request more information on ways they could improve their sustainability at home. To assist with this, we have added some sections to the Sustainability LibGuide (conveniently located at: <http://libguides.colostate.edu/sustainability>). There is a new section talking about energy conservation in the home (<http://bit.ly/1Mxp9eV>). We also have a new section listing deals, rebates, programs, etc. that may be of help: <http://bit.ly/1Mxppuv>. Both of these sections can be improved with feedback and suggestions from you! Please pass along any suggestions for additions to neyda.gilman@colostate.edu.

Have a spooky, fun,
safe, and sustainable
Halloween!



Contact Us

Contact us for more information about what we are doing, to suggest ideas, or suggest a guest writer.

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